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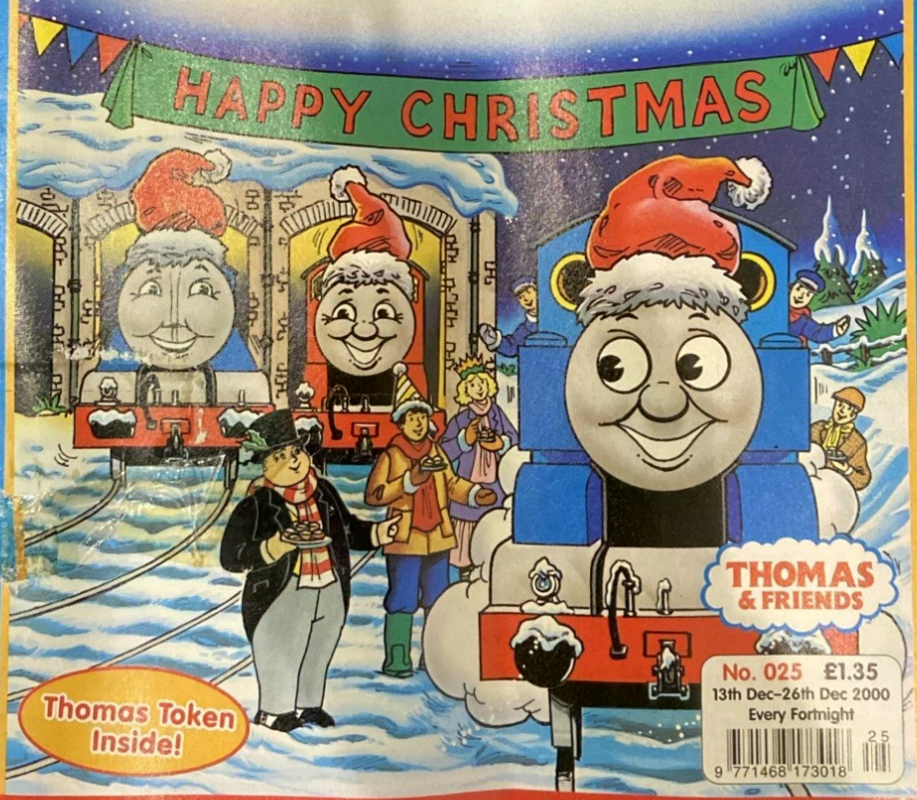

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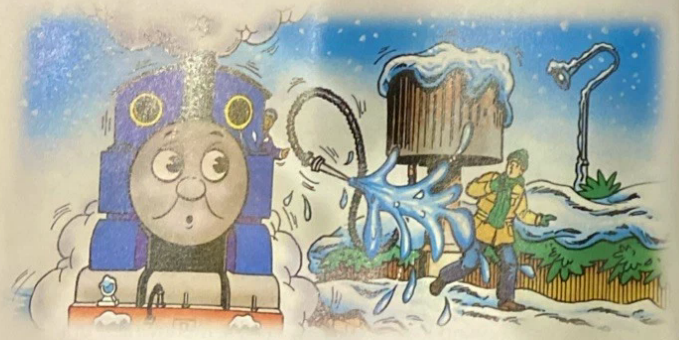
Thomas' Read Aloud Story

Lucky to be lost!

1. It was the day before the Main Station Christmas party. But things kept getting lost. First, Thomas' driver's cap blew away as Thomas puffed along his snowy branch line.

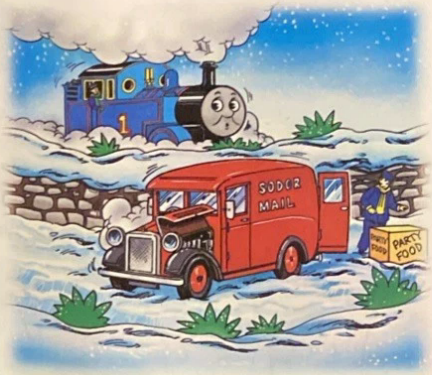
2. Later, Percy came along. His guard saw the cap in a tree and rescued it. Meanwhile, at the Main Station, some decorations went missing, but were later found at the Lost Property office.

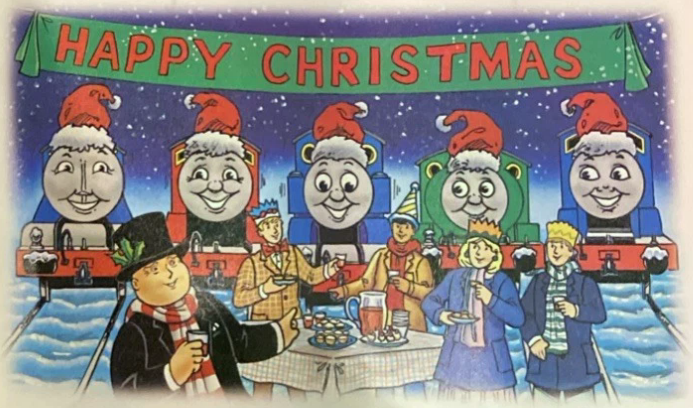
3. A sack of Christmas post disappeared too. After a search, it was discovered in the wrong mail van. "Luckily, things that are lost always seem to be found again!" Thomas told his driver.



4. Later, the little tank engine took on water at Wellsworth Station. But his brake slipped and Thomas rolled forwards so water splashed over a startled passenger on the platform.

5. "I shall write and complain to The Fat Controller!" he shouted. Next day, Thomas saw the man again. His van had broken down. "I've food to deliver for the Main Station party," he said. "Climb aboard!" puffed Thomas. "We should just be in time!" Everyone was very pleased and the man stayed to enjoy the fun.

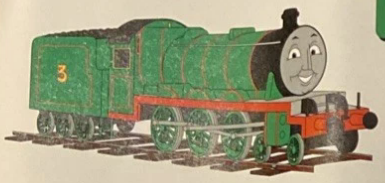




6. "You've been so helpful. I'm glad I didn't post my letter yesterday. I lost it!" he explained. Thomas laughed, "For once, it's lucky that something wasn't found again!"

The End

Henry's Counting Time



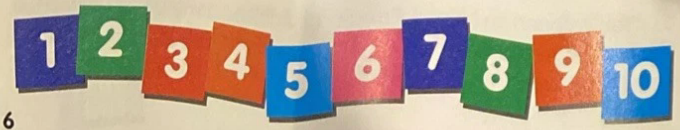
The Fat Controller has been sorting out the lost property office.

How many things can you count in each row?

umbrellas

hats

bags



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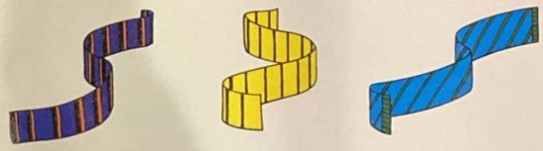

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Point to the engines' funnels.

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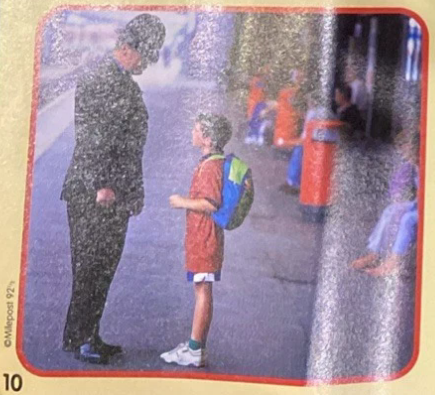

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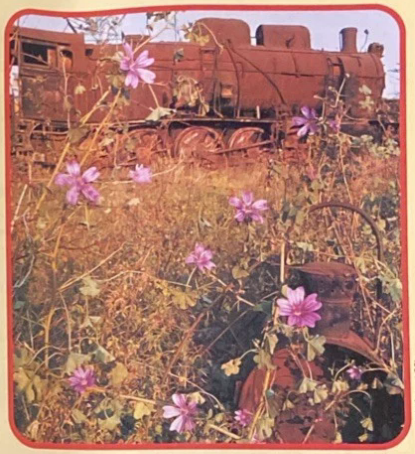
This young boy is asking the policeman the way to the park.

What colour is the policeman's helmet?

This engine was made over 100 years ago. These days, modern diesels have taken over the engine's work. This engine's lamp has become an unusual flowerpot!

What colour are the flowers?



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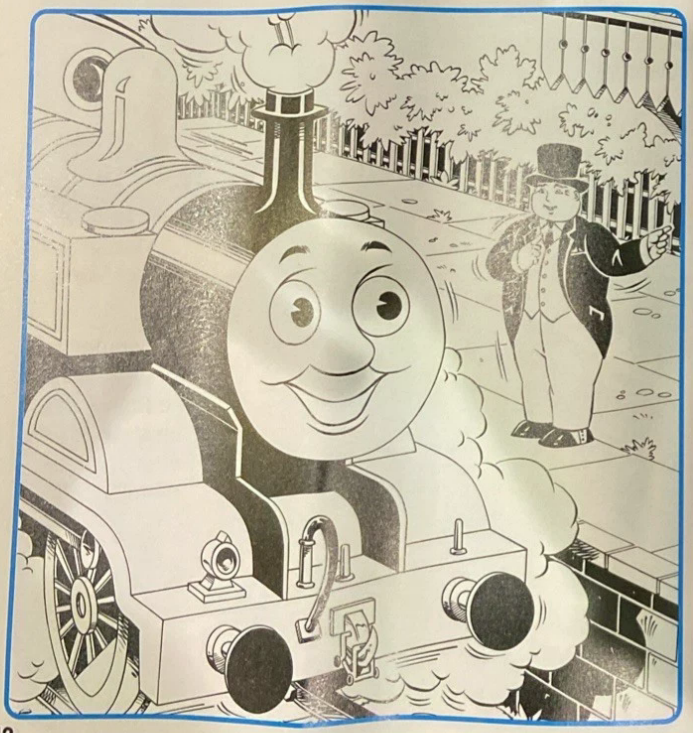
This woman left her umbrella on the train. Luckily the steward found it and is returning it to her.

What colour is the steward's waistcoat?

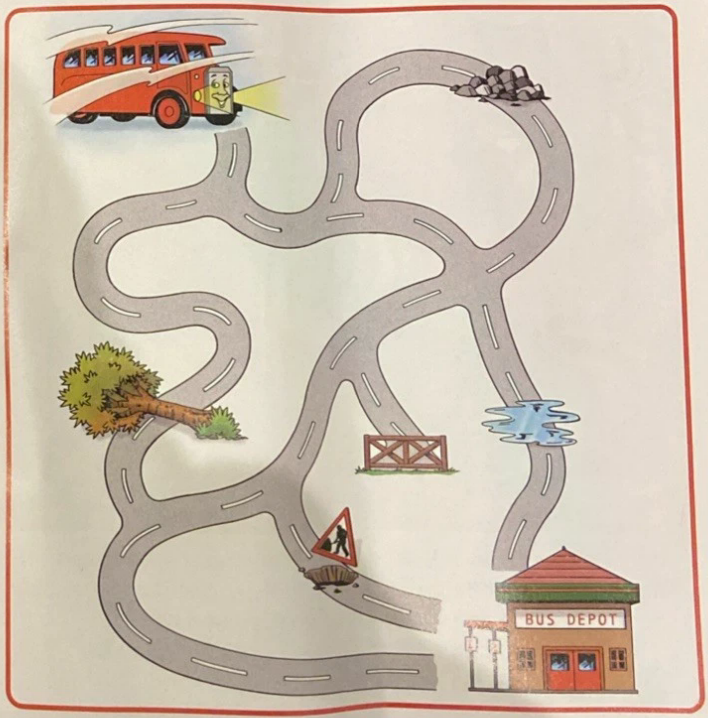
Thomas on Time

Colour in this picture of Thomas with your favourite pens.



Lost in the Fog!

Bertie has lost his way in the fog.
Can you show him the way back to the bus depot?



Look and Find with
Toby
Rescuing Duke!
DUKE
Poor Duke was once locked up in an engine shed. For years he thought that he'd been forgotten but then, one day, Peter Sam and Sir Handel came and rescued him!
Can you find all these things in the big picture?
Tick the circles as you find each one.
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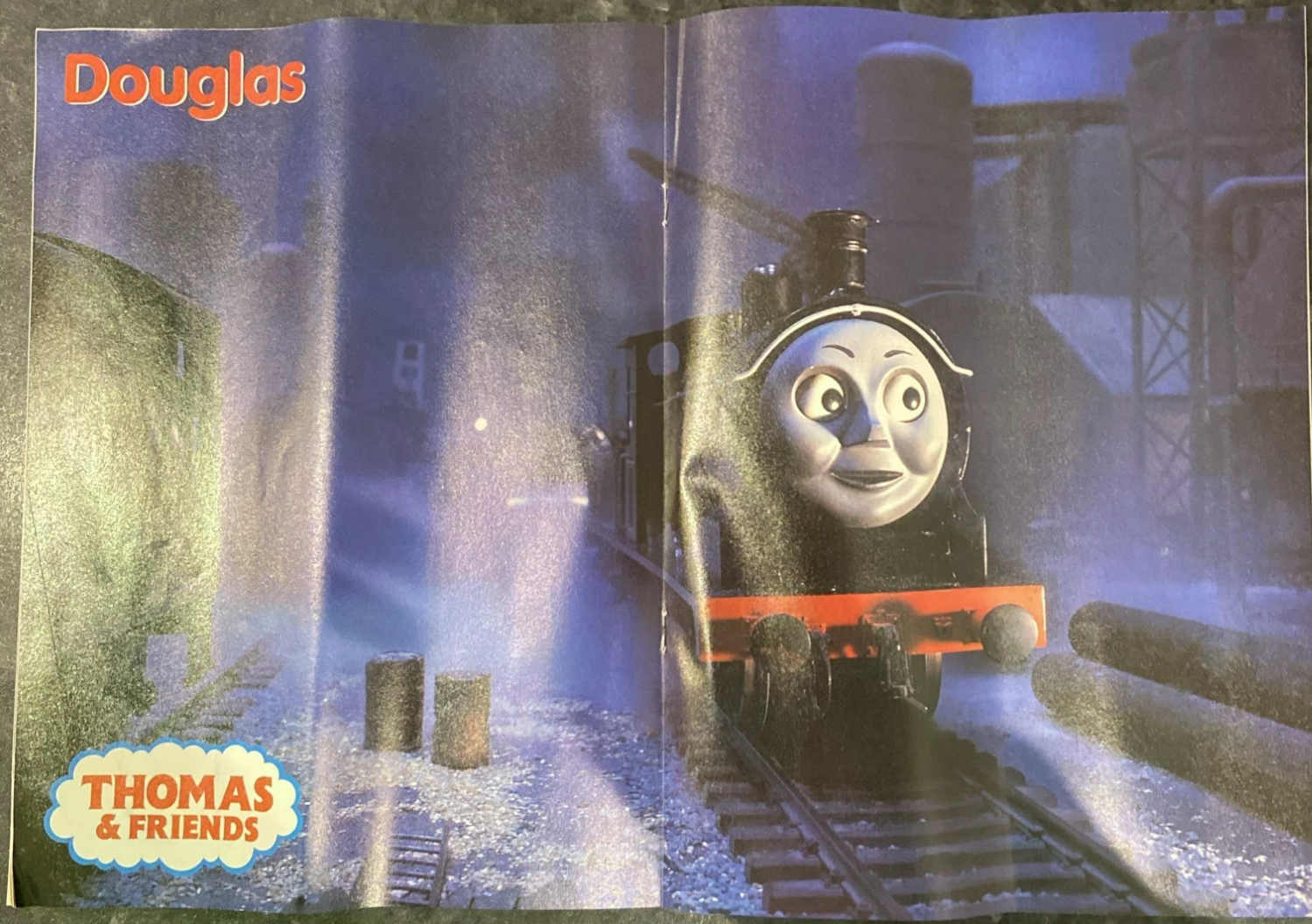
Douglas
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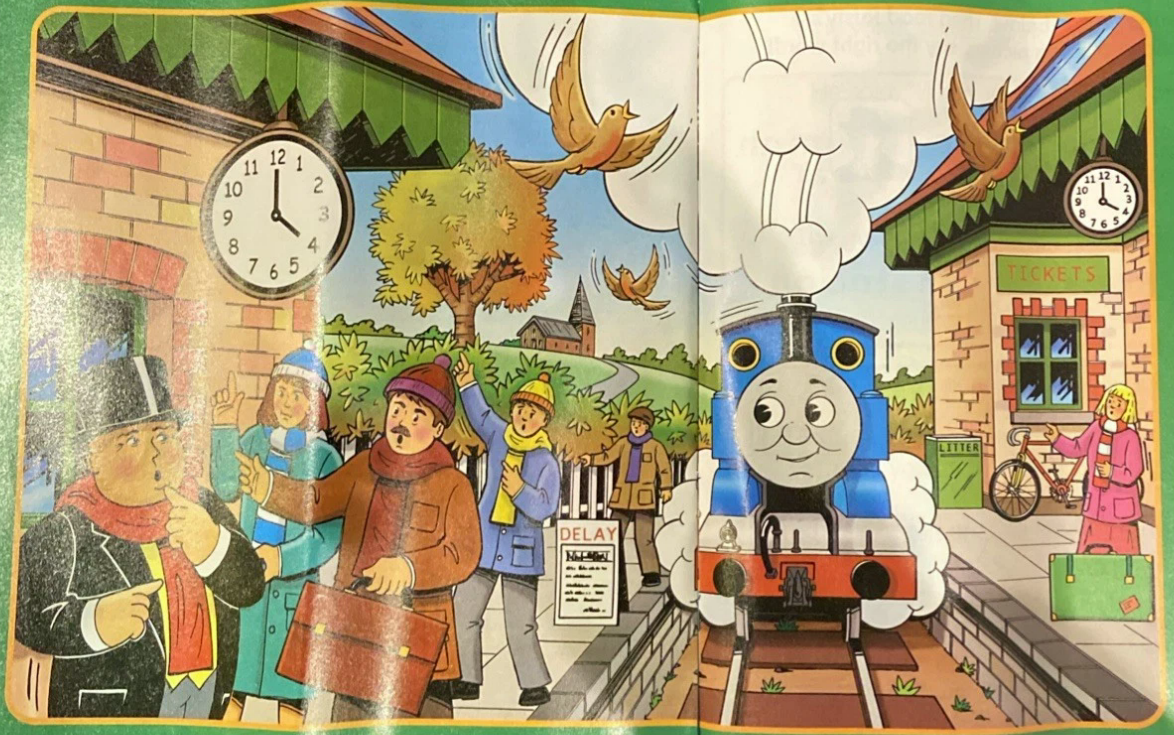
Where's Thomas?

Poor Thomas was delayed by a fallen tree, which has now been moved away from the tracks. Thomas' passengers are cross that he has arrived so late.



Skarloey's Shapes

This picture is full of circles and rectangles. How many can you find? Write your answers in the rectangle and circle below.

rectangle

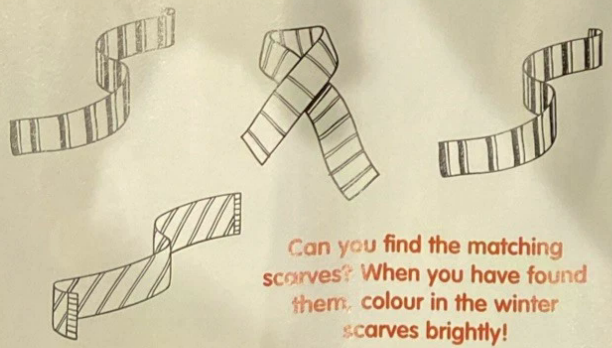
circle

The Lost Scarf

Trace over the words below. Then read Rusty's rhyme and when you see a picture, say the right word!

scarf James man

Thomas station



Can you find the matching scarves? When you have found them, colour in the winter scarves brightly!

Into the puffed train,

One of his passengers went to complain,

"The window was open. My blew away,"

He said, "Where it's gone, I just cannot say!"

"It's cold," the added. "So what shall I do?"

The guard replied quickly, "We'll find it for you!"

The passenger smiled and said that was kind,

Then heard slowly pull up behind.

What do you think was wrapped round his face?

The 's missing ! In such a strange place!

said the had blown into his eyes,

How everyone laughed and stared in surprise!

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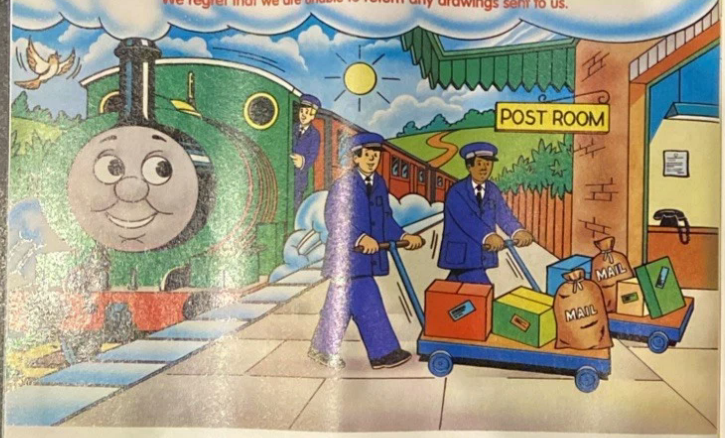
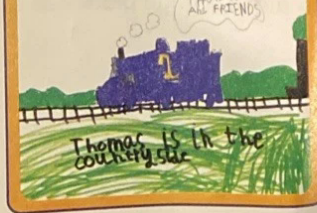
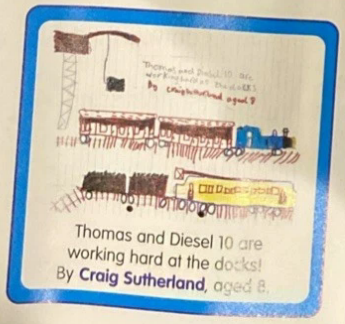


Thomas in the countryside!
By **Jesse Harte**, aged 6.





Thomas and Diesel 10 are working hard at the docks!
By **Craig Sutherland**, aged 8.

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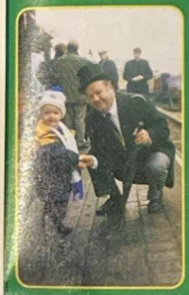

Dear Fat Controller,

My mummy took this photo when I met you at Cheddleton. I saw Thomas too and I had a wonderful day!

Love from **Steve Haskell**

If we print your Star letter, you will receive one of these splendid Thomas Big Loader from TOMY.

This splendid picture of Percy was painted by **Harry Metcalfe**, aged 3.

James and Bertie are having a race! By **Samuel Edwards** from Wiltshire.

The Fat Controller would like to say Happy Birthday to... Craig Smith. Kalju Ligema, aged 3. James Layten, aged 6. Michael Barry, aged 4. James Bloodworth, aged 3. Rowan Stoten, aged 4. Aaron Storey, aged 3. Jonathon Duncan, aged 3. Emma Gordon, aged 3. Alexander Kiratz, aged 3. Dylan George, aged 3. Charity Davis, aged 5. Gabby Boye, aged 2. Connor Goss. Rhianne Atkins, aged 5. Arthur Gissing.

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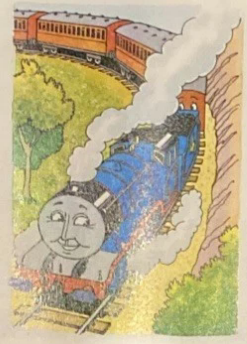

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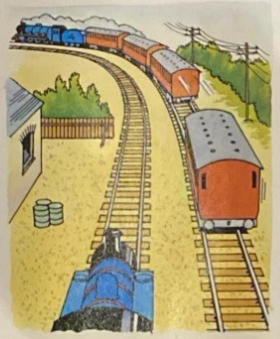

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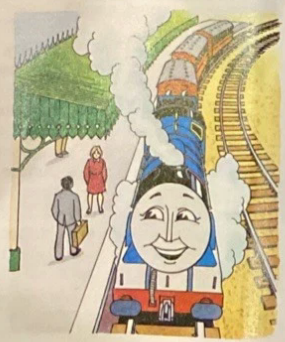

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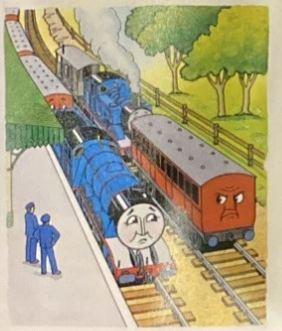

Match with Bill and Ben

All these people have come to the lost property office to see if they can find things that they accidentally left on the train.

Using a pen, join up each person to the thing that they have lost.

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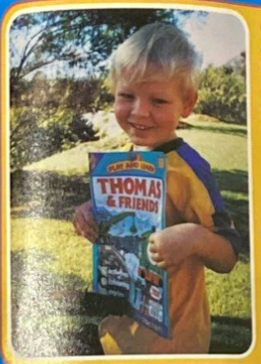

Marc Everest is five and lives in Australia. His Aunty Susan sends him Thomas magazines from England and he reads them over and over again. Marc gets really excited when they arrive in the post! His favourite engine is Edward but he likes Henry and Duck too... and Gordon when he's in a good mood! Marc wins one of these splendid pop up play camps from Worlds Apart.

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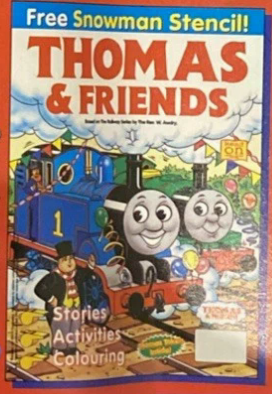

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A Special Story about Duke

Many, many years ago,
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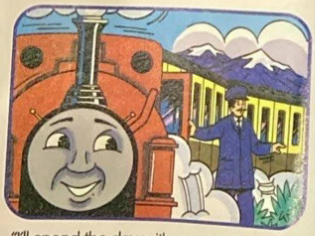
He dropped the locals where they liked
And never did complain

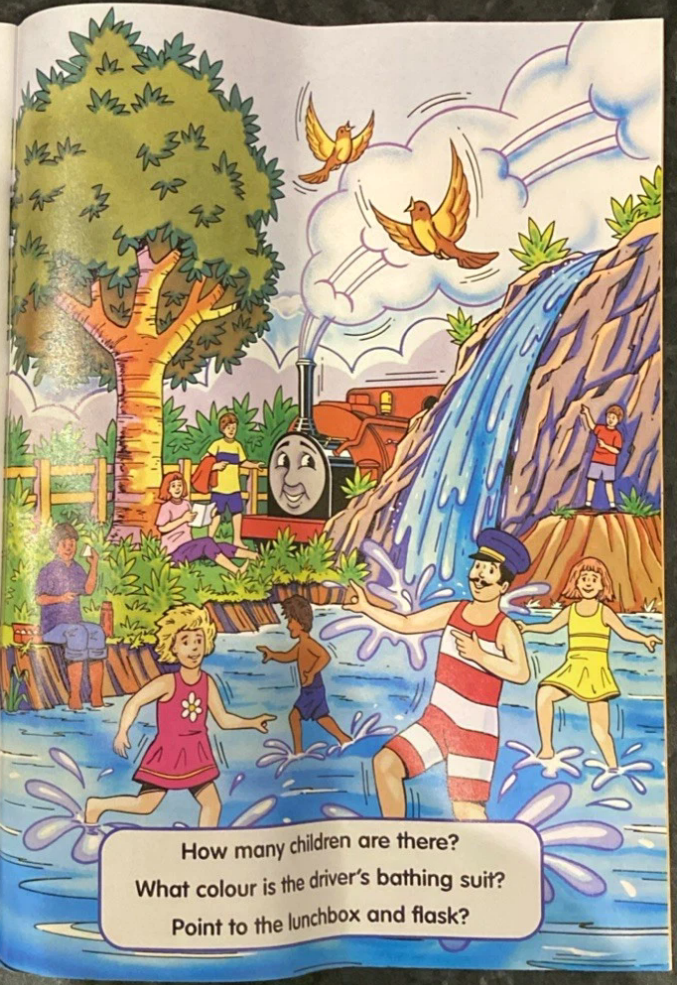
One sunny Sunday afternoon,
Just by a waterfall

Everyone got off at once
To cool off in its pool.



"I'll spend the day with you," puffed Duke,
"There's no-one else on here!"

His driver cried, "Now that suits me!"
And donned his swimming gear!



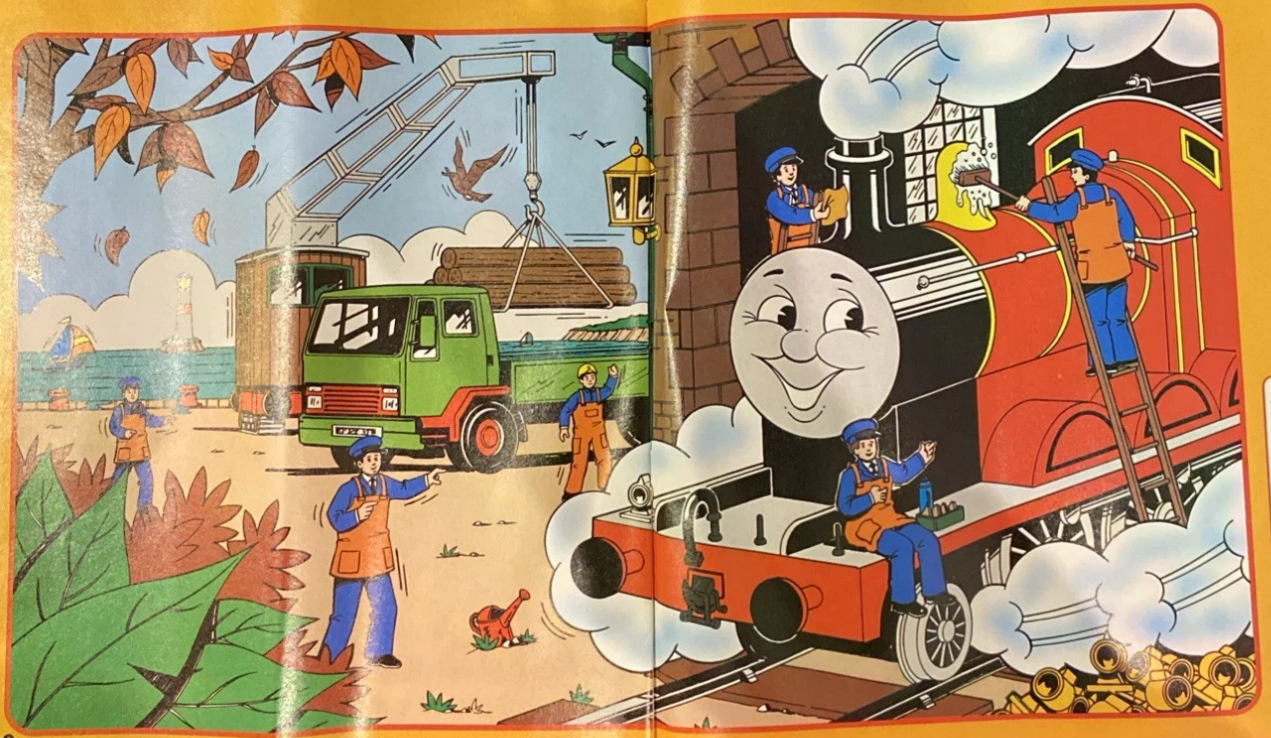
How many children are there?

What colour is the driver's bathing suit?

Point to the lunchbox and flask?

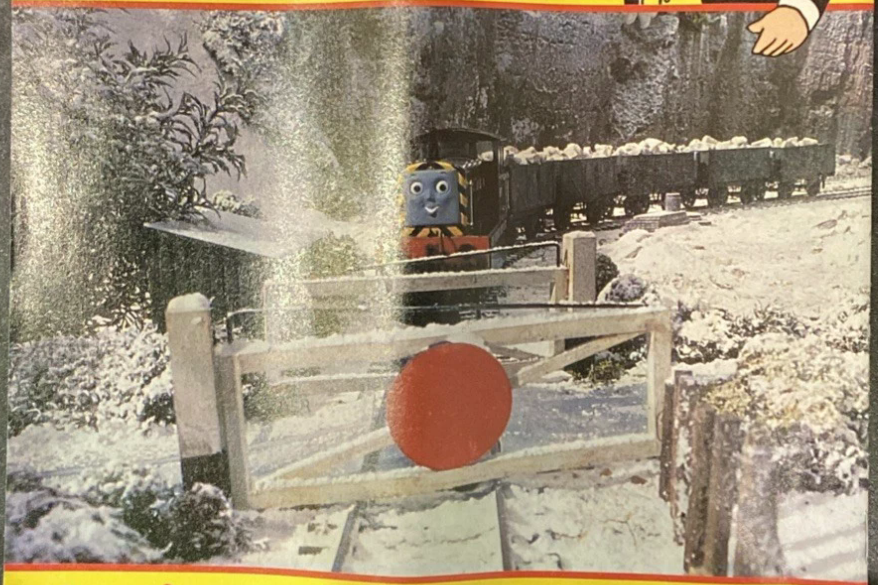
L l is for Lost!

'Lost' begins with the letter L l.
How many other things beginning with L l
can you find in this picture?



Did you spot: Ladder, logs, lunchbox, lamps, lanterns, leaves, lorry, lighthouse.

THOMAS & FRIENDS GOODBYE



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